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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

COTTONWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL)
LAW CENTER; WESTERN)
WATERSHEDS PROJECT;)
WILDEARTH GUARDIANS; and)
GALLATIN WILDLIFE)
ASSOCIATION,)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.)

Case No. 9:14-cv-192-DLC

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
MOTION TO CONTINUE STAY**

U.S. SHEEP EXPERIMENT STATION;)
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH)
SERVICE; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE)
SERVICE; and S.M.R. JEWELL, in her)
official capacity as Secretary of the U.S.)
Department of the Interior,)
Defendants.)

Pursuant to the parties' motion of March 4, 2016, and the Court's order of March 10, 2016, the parties provide the following status report and joint motion to continue the stay of proceedings in this matter. The parties are currently contemplating stipulating to the dismissal of this action on or before March 16, 2016, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41 and pending the preparation of said stipulation. Without waiving any claim or defense, the parties respectfully request that the Court continue the stay in this matter an additional two days to facilitate negotiations. On March 16, 2016, the parties shall provide a status report or propose any necessary briefing schedules.

Dated: March 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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